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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 09/134,058, filed August 14, 1998, now Patent No. 6,290,839; U.S.S.N. 09/338,726, filed June 23, 1999, now Patent No. 6,264,825; U.S.S.N. 09/440,371, filed November 12, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/520,477, filed March 08, 2000 and U.S.S.N. 09/712,792, filed November 13, 2000.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

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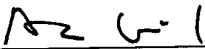
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